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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman and Ranking Member,

I am requesting \$3,000,000 in funding for the 8th Street Complete Streets Improvements project in fiscal year 2023 through the Highway Infrastructure Project account.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Jacksonville Transportation Authority located at 100 LaVilla Center Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32204.

The funding would be used to improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists along the 8th street corridor from Myrtle Avenue to Main Street. 8th Street connects downtown Jacksonville with University of Florida (UF) Health Jacksonville, a large medical complex in Jacksonville's Urban Core, and I-95, which bisects the corridor, before passing through several low-density underserved neighborhoods. As part of the JTAMobilityWorks Complete Streets Program developed in 2016, an analysis of 8th Street was completed which identified high vehicle speeds, long stretches of roadway in between signalized pedestrian crossing opportunities, a lack of bicycle facilities, lack of pedestrian buffers, and inadequate accommodations for persons with disabilities. Ultimately, the recommendations consisted of pedestrian safety enhancements along the corridor, including realignment of existing crosswalks, new crosswalks, installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and additional signage and marking for bike lanes. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because developing a multimodal transportation system in Jacksonville along key transit routes will enable safe use and support mobility for all users in Jacksonville, regardless of whether they are traveling as drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, or public transportation riders.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson
Member of Congress